



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Springfield City Library Board of Commissioners

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: October 7, 2015

Attending: Commissioners Stephen Cary, Krysta Fyntrilakis, Matthew Reilly, and Timothy Moriarty

Absent: Vera O'Connor, Chair, Commissioners Meghan Lunghi and Lorna Simmons

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
Carol Leaders, Business Manager
Janet Stupak, Community Relations (minute taker)

Call to order: Mr. Moriarty called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
		(Follow up)
1. Approval of Minutes from the September 2, 2015 Library Commission Meeting	Last month's minutes could not be approved since there were not enough Commissioners in attendance tonight that had also been at the September 2 meeting.	Will address at the November meeting.
2. Commission Committee Reports	<p>Commissioner Reilly spoke about the upcoming trial of the driver charged in the tragic death of Destiny Gonzalez in December 2014, since it took place on State Street directly in front of the Central Library. Discussion followed, with Mr. Reilly stating that he is in favor of the City placing a flashing light at/near the location that library visitors cross State Street to get to the parking lot. Commissioners attending tonight agreed, with Mr. Cary volunteering to draft a letter to be sent to local and state representatives on behalf of the Springfield Library Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Cary reported on the progress of site selection for a new East Forest Park Branch Library. The Mary Dryden School property seems to be the preferred location. The City Planning & Design Team plans to recommend that site to the Mayor, and the site would need the approval of the School Committee.</p>	



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Mr. Cary reported that he and Director Fogarty met with DPW Head, Chris Cignoli, to discuss progress of a traffic light/crosswalk at the Central Library.

According to Library Director Fogarty the East Forest Park Civic Association voiced concern about traffic. After being shown early design plans for the site and building components by Ms. Fogarty, Commissioners discussed the proposed new library.

3. Chairman's Report

Ms. O'Connor is in the hospital and therefore there is no Chairman's report. Commissioners expressed concern for her and signed a get-well card, which was also signed by all Central Library staff.

4. Director's Report

Library Director Fogarty reported:

- Unlike other libraries, Springfield City Library is trending up in usage. She shared collections and usage statistics as proof. Appreciation and thanks go to the Mayor and City Council for our FY14 & FY15 budget increases.
- The Grand Opening of the Adult Learning Center/Library Express at Pine Point is planned for October 15 at 2:15 p.m. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- She and Ms. Leaders met with Mike Tully to plan the enhancement of the lot (Hawley St.) next to the Mason Square Branch Library; to include performance space, seating and plants. Some new trees have already been put in.
- Security cameras will be installed at the Forest Park and Mason Square Branches.
- The State Aid application and waiver request for MAR has been submitted.
- There will be a 10 a.m. Press Conference on October 28 to announce the Library's "new brand," thanks to the generosity of TSM Design. A "landing page" will be



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created for our website with welcoming narrative to introduce visitors to our new look, logo, and brand. The “Rebranding Action Team” part of the Library’s Customer Service Team, will work to develop consistency and build excitement for our new brand.

- The Director’s Office is working on an Emergency Response Manual for the Library system. It is a huge comprehensive project.
- Library staff are presenting at various conferences, including: Layla Johnston (Manager, Brightwood and Indian Orchard) and Matthew Jaquith (Program/Training Librarian) at NELA (New England Library Association); other staff attended the Teen Summit in Worcester; many attended the “Process Not Product” workshop conducted by Maeleah Carlisle (Manager, Forest Park and East Forest Park) held at the Central Library; some staff attended the Commonwealth E-book collection training.
- Thanks to Ted McCoy (supervisor, Mason Square Branch) the Library received a \$1500 Grant from Berkshire Bank and a \$5000 Grant from the Davis Foundation for Winter Reading Club. The Library received an \$11,500 Mass Cultural Council Grant. Ted also is responsible for the Library being awarded a \$7500 ALSC Curiosity Creates Grant and will work with the Community Music School to bring instruments and music programs to the Library



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5. Other Business

Mr. Cary talked about the visit to the Mason Square Branch by ex-NBA player Bill Walton. He told everyone how it all came about and how wonderful it was.

Mr. Moriarty spoke about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's talk at the Mass Mutual Center arranged by the Springfield Public Forum. The Library was well represented by the Book Group that had read her book, *My Beloved World*, and even had an opportunity to meet the Justice and have photos taken with her.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

6. Executive Session

Not needed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Meghan Lunghi, *Secretary*